



ORIGINAL CHURCH, 1906

# GOLDEN JUBILEE 1906 - 1956

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

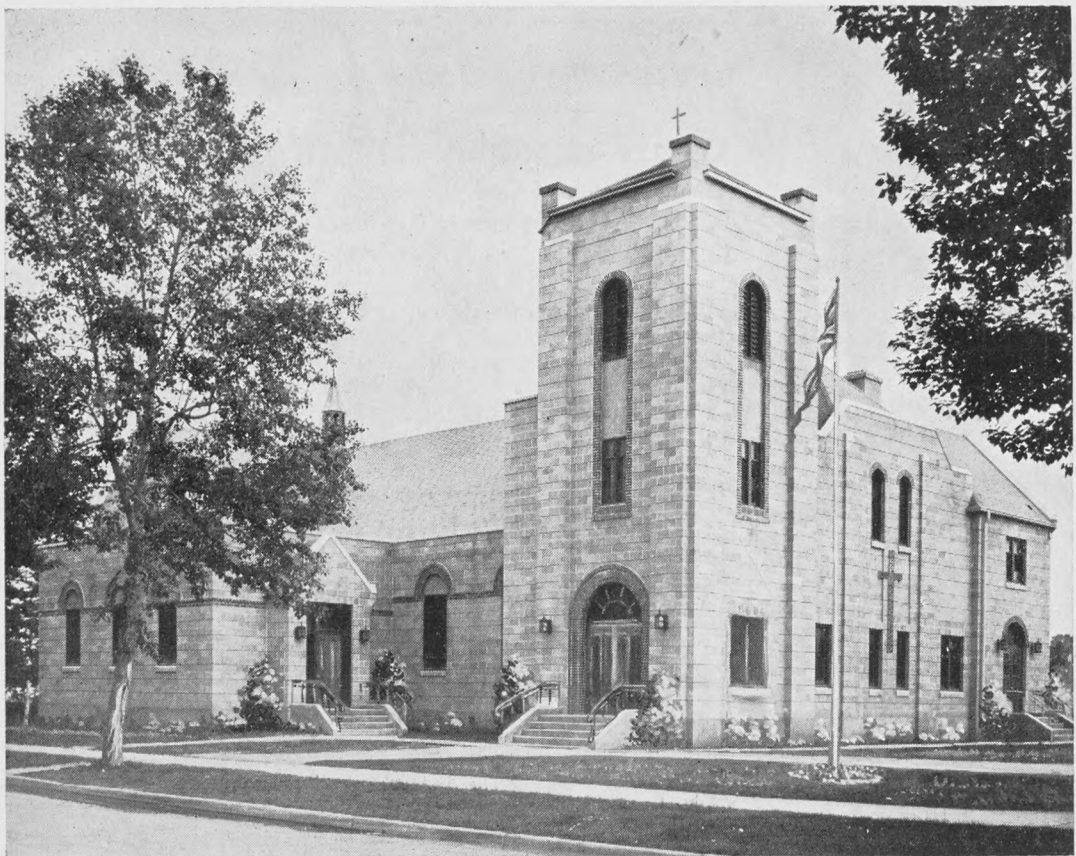


## St. Stephen's Church

CALGARY

ALBERTA

"NISI DOMINUS FRUSTRA"



PRESENT CHURCH, 1956



THE MOST REVEREND  
GEOFFREY F. FISHER, D.D.  
Archbishop of Canterbury

*This Church was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Calgary in my presence, after which I celebrated the Holy Communion and spoke to the people. May the blessing of Almighty God ever abide upon all who minister in this Church the Word and Sacraments and upon all who receiving the same worship God here in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ to the end of time.*

(Sgd.) GEOFFREY CANTUAR.  
Sept. 5, 1954.



SEAL

# **Diocese of Calgary** --- **Sentence of Consecration**

In the Name of God. Amen.

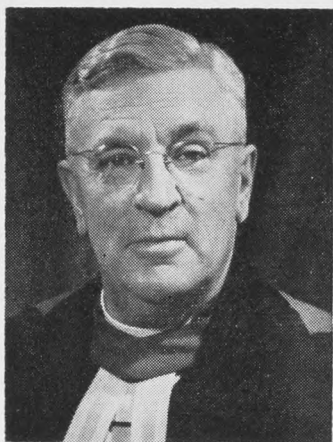
WHEREAS a Church has been erected at CALGARY, ALBERTA, within our Diocese and jurisdiction, upon a piece of land designated lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 100, Plan A1, in the City of Calgary, and whereas the said building is now completed and furnished with all things requisite for the due performance of public worship, and is free from all legal liability for debt, and is now ready for consecration; and whereas a Petition has been presented to us by the Incumbent, the Wardens and others praying that we would be pleased to consecrate the said building;

NOW THEREFORE we, GEORGE REGINALD, by Divine permission BISHOP OF CALGARY, do by virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to us committed, consecrate the said building, and do set it apart from all profane and common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the ministration of his holy Word and Sacraments, and for public worship, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England in Canada, and no other, by the name of SAINT STEPHEN.

AND we do pronounce, decree, and declare that the said Church shall remain so consecrated, set apart, and dedicated for ever, by this our definitive sentence and final decree, which we read and promulge by these presents.

WITNESS Our hand and seal, this Fifth day of September in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four and of our consecration the third.

(Sgd.) GEORGE CALGARY.



THE RIGHT REVEREND  
G. R. CALVERT, D.D.  
*Bishop of Calgary*

My dear friends of St. Stephen's :

I offer you my heartiest congratulations as you celebrate your Golden Jubilee on Whitsun Day and I pray that God's blessing may be upon all of you at this happy time.

I am reminded that it was in the power of Pentecost that St. Stephen, "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost", bore witness in the name of Christ and "did great wonders and miracles among the people". Your patron saint is well chosen, and during your fifty years you have done your utmost to possess his great qualities of fervency and love.

St. Stephen's is now a well established parish with a lovely Church which it was my privilege to consecrate in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Yours is a parish with a fine missionary vision of the work of the Church at home and throughout the world. I hope and pray that the spirit of the pioneers who founded your parish and built the first Church will not be lacking in you who have entered into their labours but that with gratitude for your heritage you will carry forward the word and work of Christ.

I cannot end this letter without a word about the honour that is to come to your Rector just as this Golden Jubilee Celebration approaches. The University of Emmanuel College is to confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) upon him. Believe me, my friends, this is a well deserved honour, merited not only by the Archdeacon's splendid leadership in parish, diocese and Canadian Church but also by his scholarship and his ability as a teacher of young men at Emmanuel College and the Montreal Diocesan College. I shall be at the Convocation and it will rejoice my heart to present Edward Henry Maddocks for this degree.

God be with you,

Ever your friend and Bishop,

GEORGE CALGARY.

St. Mark's Day, 1956.



My dear friends:

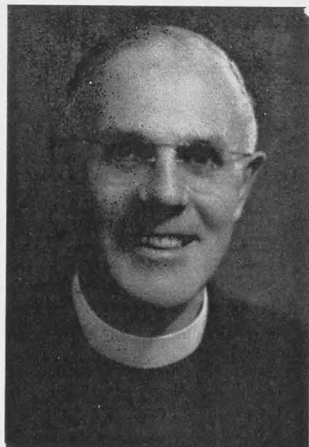
The greatest privilege of my life has been to have been Rector of St. Stephen's Church for the past twelve years. It has been a time of joyous fellowship in the service of our Lord. The loyal co-operation of Wardens, Vestrymen, the Staff, the Choir and every organization has been a constant inspiration.

Now I share with you the happy celebration of the Golden Jubilee. The history of St. Stephen's during the last fifty years tells its tale and teaches its lesson. In the record we can see the guiding hand of God slowly and gradually directing its course, and the spirit of all bringing the parish through all its difficulties. It is a living witness of God's over-seeing Providence. For all this we give thanks to our Heavenly Father and renew our pledge to serve Him and His Church all the days of our life.

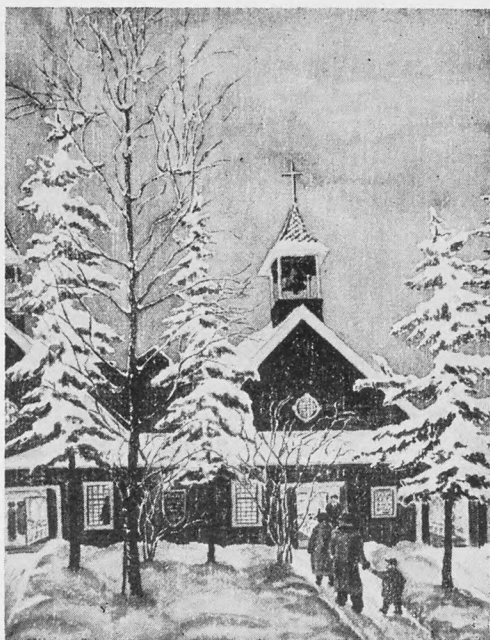
Your friend and Rector,

EDWARD H. MADDOCKS.

May 1st, 1956.



THE VEN.  
E. H. MADDOCKS, D.D.  
*Rector of St. Stephen's*



CHRISTMAS, 1950

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

On May 11th, 1906, the parish life of what was to become the congregation of St. Stephen's Church in Calgary was started when a meeting was held at the home of Mr. E. D. Benson, 1113 Tenth Street West. The first Wardens were Messrs. E. W. Northcott and William Astley. Through the kindness of Dean Paget, a site, on which the present Church stands, was secured and it was decided to proceed immediately with the construction of a Church. Arrangements were made meantime to hold services in the West Ward School, standing then on the present site of the Central Collegiate Institute. The inaugural service was held on May 20th, 1906, at 7:00 p.m. with twenty-three members attending to hear Archdeacon Webb preach. On Whitsunday, June 3rd, Holy Communion was celebrated for the first time, with eight communicants. Work on the new building, measuring 20 feet by 40 feet, proceeded rapidly and on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1906, the Church was dedicated by The Rt. Rev. Cyprian Pinkham, Bishop of Calgary. Costs of the building were met by subscription and a bank loan of \$1,200.00. The Venerable W. Fremantle Webb, M.A., Archdeacon of Calgary, was placed in charge, with the congregation contributing to his stipend after the first year. In 1909 the parish became self-supporting and Archdeacon Webb was appointed its first rector, a position which he held until November, 1911. It is interesting to note that Messrs. J. H. Williams and J. A. Grieg, Layreaders, frequently officiated.



In October, 1907, the first Verger was appointed and his duties and salary defined "To ring the bell, sweep once a week, wash once a month, and receive \$3.00 per month without fires and \$5.00 with fires." By 1908 the congregation had shown a marked increase and the first of several additions and modifications to the Church was made. By the fall of 1909 the Rectory and a small Parish Hall had been added.

Archdeacon Webb was succeeded in 1911 by the Rev. Willis James, afterwards appointed Canon of the Diocese, who continued as Rector until 1928, when he left for St. Catherine's, Ont. He died in Toronto on June 6th, 1955. Canon James was followed by the Rev. Frederick H. Wilkinson (later the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, and now the Bishop of Toronto), who remained as Rector till 1932, being succeeded by Archdeacon Cecil Swanson (now Rector of St. Paul's Church, Toronto), who continued until 1940 when he left to become Rector and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver. The Rev. W. E. Jackson was the next Rector and remained for four years, leaving to become Rector of the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal (now the Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton and Dean of the Diocese of Niagara). The Rev. Edward H. Maddocks took his place in 1944 and is the present Rector and Archdeacon of Bow Valley.



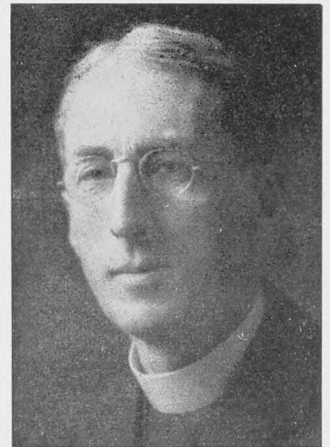
CHRISTMAS, 1955



ARCHDEACON W. F. WEBB

Following World War 2, plans for a new Church were discussed and a building fund campaign launched in Lent, 1948, with an objective of \$100,000.00. Architectural plans for the new Church, embodying a Memorial Chapel for the King's Own Calgary Regiment, were developed by Mr. D. S. McIlroy and approved at a congregational meeting. The last service in the old Church, which had served the parish so well, was held on Trinity Sunday, May 20th, 1951, and five days later, on May 25th, the first sod of the new Church was ceremonially turned by the Rt. Rev. H. R. Ragg, Bishop of Calgary, who also

Plans for a new Church structure had been developed in some detail just prior to, and subsequent to, World War 1. By 1914 a new site had been secured at the corner of 19th Avenue and 10th Street West, but this later was surrendered. Planning and vision were apparent in the scale of the buildings proposed, plans of which are in the archives of the Church. However, in 1923 a memorial Parish Hall was built for the expanded parish activities and has served the Church and Community well for over thirty years.



CANON F. WILLIS JAMES

carried out the laying of the Corner Stone on July 19th, 1951. During the building of the new Church on the site of the demolished old one, Church services continued to be held in the converted parish hall and parish activities never flagged. Building proceeded well, financial support was most generous and it was a source of gratification to all when the new Church was dedicated by the Most Rev. W. F. Barfoot, Primate of All Canada at a most impressive service on February 15th, 1952. Congregational interest and financial support continued to increase so that the debt incurred was paid off by the fall of 1954. Following this record of achievement,



BISHOP F. H. WILKINSON



CANON CECIL SWANSON

the consecration of the new Church was carried out at an equally impressive and memorable ceremony on September 5th, 1954 by the Rt. Rev. G. R. Calvert, Bishop of Calgary, in the distinguished presence of the Most Rev. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England.

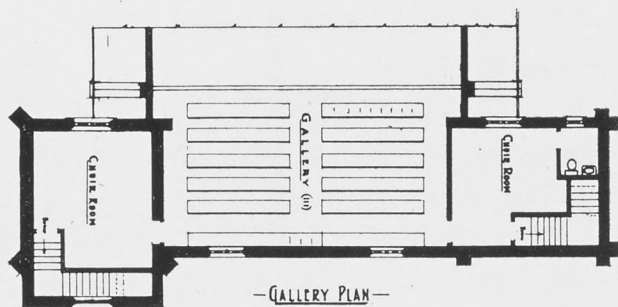
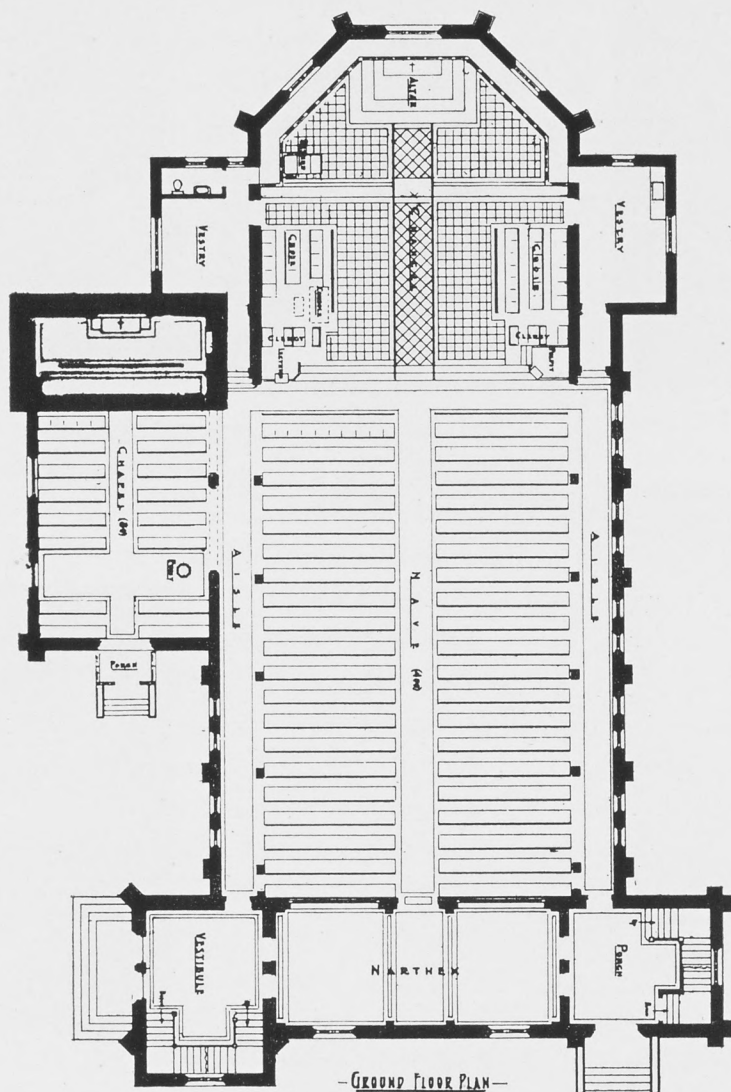
St. Stephen's Church now ministers to approximately 1,000 families and, in its fifty years of parish life, its congregation has laboured for the glory of God and the edification of His people. The prestige and affection which it holds

in the City of Calgary is both an inheritance from the past and an inspiration to meet the challenge of the future. It goes forward with a deep sense of responsibility to set its banner high and a devoted consecration to its task of bringing men, women and children to God and of training them for service in His Kingdom.



DEAN W. E. JACKSON





— St. Stephen's Church, Calgary. —

— P. S. M'ILROY, F.R.A.I.C., ARCHITECT —  
— CALGARY, NOV. 1948. —

FLOOR PLAN OF PRESENT CHURCH



# St. Stephen's Church Building



Evolution of the building plans, from which the present Church structure took shape, extended over several years and were under the capable architectural direction of Mr. D. S. McIlroy. Procedure was complicated by the necessity of demolishing the old building at the corner of Fourteenth Avenue and Tenth Street West and erecting the new Church on the same site, while carrying on worship in the parish hall. Chancel and vestry of the old building, which sheltered the organ, were sealed up till the new structure was ready for its installation, following which the old Church was completely removed.

Although the fund-raising campaign was launched in 1948, it was not until 1951 that the final plans were adopted and building started with high hopes that "It can be done in fifty-one". Constantly rising costs were a source of concern and plans had to be modified to some degree but it is gratifying to reflect that replacement costs of the present building would be considerably higher as costs have advanced further. Seldom, however, has a congregation, under the dedicated leadership of its Rector, responded more enthusiastically to meet the challenge, which involved the raising of \$100,000.00.

Members of the 14th Armoured Regiment (King's Own Calgary Regiment) which perpetuated the 50th Battalion C.E.F. expressed interest in the building plans. St. Stephen's had long been associated with the unit and it was thought fitting to include a Memorial Chapel in memory of those who served, towards the cost of which members of the regiment contributed generously.

A glance at the accompanying ground floor plan and the pictures of the interior and exterior will serve to indicate the proportions of the building, whose architectural features have achieved a most pleasing and dignified effect.

Of special concrete block construction, relieved by tapestry brick effect round windows and doors, the main Church structure has an overall length of 120 feet, the width of the nave being 50 feet. Dimensions of the chapel on the north-east corner are 40 feet long by 20 feet wide. The mellowing process has been rapid and the new structure harmonises well with the existing parish hall.

The fifty-foot tower on the north-west corner marks the main entrance which features a double door of ample width leading into a porch. Another pair of doors leads into the Narthex, having a width of 14 feet which, in conjunction with the roll-away partitions in the Nave, allows overflow congregations to be accommodated. Above the Narthex is the West Loft with choir dressing rooms and a gallery which features an exquisite stained glass rose window. Beneath the Narthex are furnace and utility rooms as well as a nursery to accommodate small children during services. An excavated basement furnishes further scope for expansion and this houses a special fire- and sound-proof structure for the organ motor.

The two vestries at the east end are connected by an ambulatory behind the altar, within the Chancel Apse, which is semi-octagonal in shape and lit with the east windows so beautifully depicted on page 5. The chancel has a clear width of 37 feet and provides accommodation for a choir of fifty. Combined seating accommodation of the nave, chapel and gallery total 600 but congregations frequently exceed this number.

Devotional music of high quality features the services in St. Stephen's. During the rectorship of the Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, an organ built by the famous firm of Casavant Freres of St. Hyacinthe, Que., was installed in the old Church and dedicated by the Rt. Rev. L. Ralph Sherman, Bishop of Calgary, on December 22nd, 1929. This beautiful organ, after serving so well in the old Church was transferred to the new structure which had been specially laid out to secure the best acoustic effect. The console was prepared for a three-manual organ with 38 stops and 20 couplers. Seventeen of the stops are at present installed and the completion of the instrument is planned when funds are available.

Since completion of the Church a most generous response has been made by members of the congregation anxious to contribute to its adornment in the form of memorials to loved ones or in other ways. A complete set of new pews has been installed along with an exquisitely carved reredos in the Chapel. Stained glass windows, depicting symbolically "The Whole Armour of God" as described by St. Paul, are found in the Chapel and scenes from the life of Christ, as described in the Gospels, adorn the Church. An atmosphere of reverence and beauty cannot fail to be noticed on entering the building. It is a Church worthy of its function and a fitting tribute to the pioneers who began the work fifty years ago.

# CHURCHWARDENS

1906 - 1956

| YEARS   | RECTOR'S WARDEN     | PEOPLE'S WARDEN   |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1906-07 | E. W. Northcott     | W. Astley         |
| 1908    | W. A. Geddes        | S. S. Davis       |
| 1909    | E. W. Northcott     | T. Heeney         |
| 1910-12 | E. H. Nichols       | T. Heeney         |
| 1913    | A. S. Dawson        | T. Heeney         |
| 1914-15 | H. P. O. Savary     | W. A. Geddes      |
| 1916-17 | T. Sharpe           | H. P. O. Savary   |
| 1918-20 | T. Sharpe           | E. J. Fream       |
| 1921-22 | E. J. Fream         | R. E. Neve        |
| 1923    | R. E. Neve          | T. A. Hornibrook  |
| 1924-25 | J. J. Anderson      | T. A. Hornibrook  |
| 1926    | W. H. A. Thompson   | G. S. Gisborne    |
| 1927-28 | H. D. R. Stewart    | W. H. A. Thompson |
| 1929    | W. H. A. Thompson   | W. H. Colley      |
| 1930    | W. H. Colley        | T. A. Hornibrook  |
| 1931-34 | T. A. Hornibrook    | H. C. Francis     |
| 1935-36 | H. J. Akitt         | H. C. Francis     |
| 1937-38 | D. G. L. Cunnington | H. C. Francis     |
| 1939-41 | J. N. Mawer         | H. C. Francis     |
| 1942    | H. D. R. Stewart    | H. C. Francis     |
| 1943-44 | H. D. R. Stewart    | R. G. Straker     |
| 1945    | H. D. R. Stewart    | L. J. Munn        |
| 1946    | H. W. Dann          | L. J. Munn        |
| 1947-48 | H. W. Dann          | D. F. Rogers      |
| 1949    | W. K. Jull          | D. F. Rogers      |
| 1950    | W. K. Jull          | J. D. Middlemass  |
| 1951    | G. G. Geary         | J. D. Middlemass  |
| 1952    | G. G. Geary         | T. H. Higham      |
| 1953    | D. R. Yeoman        | T. H. Higham      |
| 1954    | D. R. Yeoman        | A. E. Salter      |
| 1955    | C. P. Andrews       | A. E. Salter      |
| 1956    | C. P. Andrews       | W. H. Baker       |

# St. Stephen's Church

(ANGLICAN)

CALGARY, ALBERTA



RECTOR: THE VEN. EDWARD H. MADDOCKS, B.A., D.D.  
*Archdeacon of Bow Valley*

The Rectory: 1407—10th Street West. 444712.

The Church Office: 1121—14th Ave. West. 444879.

Assistant Curate: The Rev. John F. Page, M.A., 531—21st Ave. West. 21617

Choir Director: Mrs. G. P. F. Boese, 1129—19th Ave. West. 444628.

Organist: Miss Dulcie Bishop, 1816—33rd Ave. South-west. 444591.

## HOLY COMMUNION:

Every Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

1st Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday, 12 noon.

## MORNING PRAYER:

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

## EVENING PRAYER:

Every Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

## THE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Junior and Senior Depts. and Bible Class, 9:45 a.m.

Beginners', Primary and Nursery Depts., 11:00 a.m.

## WEEK-DAY SERVICES:

Wednesday—Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday—Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

## BAPTISMS:

The Ministration of Holy Baptism by appointment.



RECTOR'S WARDEN—C. P. Andrews, 2612 - 26a Street S.W. .... 491657

PEOPLE'S WARDEN—W. H. Baker, 1511A - 12th Street W. .... 442215

HON. LAY READERS—Harold Carter and Carlton Fitzer.

CHURCH SECRETARY—Mrs. W. G. Hunter, 820 - 14th Avenue W. 62381

VERGER—C. R. Kerr, 825 - 14th Avenue W. .... 61505



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